

Service Date: February 4, 2005

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application of)	UTILITY DIVISION
Northstar Telecom, Inc.)	
and)	
Qwest Corporation)	DOCKET NO. D2004.11.179
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996 for Approval)	ORDER NO. 6626a
of Their Interconnection Agreement)	

ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION

Findings and Conclusions

1. On January 20, 2005 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) moved for reconsideration of the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) Order No. 6626 in the above captioned docket. The PSC grants the motion for reconsideration for purposes of considering the substance of the motion.

2. Qwest requests that the PSC reconsider its decision in Order No. 6626 to require the interconnection agreement between the parties to be amended to include notice requirements the PSC has required in previous interconnection agreements.

3. Qwest represents in its motion that the previous interconnection agreement in D2004.11.176 controls the overall interconnection relationship between the parties, and that agreement contains the required language.

4. Qwest represented that Order No. 6627 in D2004.11.176 controls the interconnection relationship, and that the disconnect notice language in that order applies to the agreement between the parties in the above captioned docket. The PSC grants the motion for reconsideration to the extent that the interconnection agreement filed by the parties in the above captioned docket does not need to be amended.

5. Qwest further asks that the PSC reconsider its decision to treat the interconnection agreement as an agreement subject to the filing requirements of 47 U.S.C. §252. The PSC denies Qwest's motion with regard to the filing requirement, and the interconnection agreement remains subject to the filing requirements of Section 252.

6. In all other respects Order No. 6626 in the above captioned docket remains in full force and effect.

Order

THEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, it is ORDERED that the Agreement of the parties submitted to this Commission for approval pursuant to the 1996 Act is approved.

The parties shall file subsequent amendments to the Agreement with the Commission for approval pursuant to the 1996 Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the agreement is an interconnection agreement subject to the filing requirements of 47 U.S.C. §252.

DONE AND DATED this 1st day of February 2005, by a vote of 5 to 0 on granting motion for reconsideration for purposes of considering the substance of the motion, and by a vote of 4 to 1 on the substance of the motion.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice-chairman, voting to dissent on
substance of Motions for Reconsideration

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review in this matter. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days of the service of this order. Section 2-4-702, MCA.